**Oxted Operatic Society**

**Chess**  Tues 20 - Sat 24 November - Evenings - 7:45pm
Chess is a fantastic musical about power, greed, love and obsession. It played to full houses and standing ovations on Broadway and in the West End. This highly acclaimed musical develops the ancient and distinguished game of chess into a metaphor for romantic rivalries and East-West political intrigue. The principal pawns form a love triangle: the loutish American Grandmaster, the earnest Russian champion, and the Hungarian-American female chess second, who arrives at the international championships with the American but falls for the Russian. From Tyrol to Thailand the players, lovers, politicians, CIA and KGB make their moves to the pulse of this monumental rock score.

Directed by Paul Longhurst with Steve Geraghty (MD), and Fran Newitt (Choreographer) this brilliant show, written by Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvaeus, of Abba fame, features many famous songs, not least *I Know Him So Well* and *One Night in Bangkok.*

An impressive cast includes Helen Burgess-Bartlett (*Florence,* Dave Lugg (*Freddie,* Paul Robinson (*Walter,* Fiona Steel (*Arbitr*), Carly Thompson (*Strelt*), Bob Wilson (*Molakov*) and Chris Whitebread (*Anatoly*). 

Quite simply *UNMISSABLE!* Tickets are selling very quickly, so book now to avoid disappointment. Tickets £15 are available from Ticket Secretary 07530 528094 or online at: www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk.

During the week of the show, patrons will have the opportunity to enter our Special Prize Draw with a chance to win one of two 42” Flat Screen televisions.

**The Sound Of Music**  16 to 20 April 2013

With a production team of Peter Reed (Director), Sue Rowlinson (MD), Nicky Roberts (Choreographer) preparations are already underway for the show, with the provisional get together dates as follows:

**Tues 4 / Thurs 6 Dec - Adult Sing Through**
Sun 9 Dec - *Children's Auditions* 2-6pm
**Tues 11 Dec - Principal Auditions**
Thurs 13 Dec - *Chorus Auditions*

As well as adults, this family favourite will require two teams of children. If you are interested in being involved, please contact the Production Secretary - Teresa Reed (01883 625731).

**Oliver!**  19 to 25 November 2013

Worthwhile noting the dates for this production, with further information due in the New Year.

**Other News**

The Committee hope you will join in congratulating and thanking *Stella Thomas* for taking up the mantle as President of the Society. Stella was awarded Life Membership several years ago, having earned her wings since joining the Society as tea-lady, too long ago for her to recall. She went on to play many notable leading roles in our productions as well as spending 22 years as membership secretary and more recently as the Welfare Office for the past decade.

On the social side, the Committee have pencilled in a *Variety Night* for 2nd February 2013 – more information due soon. Other planned events include a late *Spring Quiz* in April/May 2013 and possibly a *Kids Talent Show* for Summer 2013. For further information regarding any of our productions or events please contact Samantha Grant (0208 668 6586) or email: secretary@oxtedoperatic.co.uk

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**Spud n’ Bubbles**

For what has now become a Barn tradition, for the first *Sunday Club* of the New Year, on *6th January* we are again having a simple baked potato lunch with a meat or veggie option and like last year it will also include a glass of ‘bubbles’ or a soft drink. ‘Spud n’ Bubbles’ will cost £7.50 (all profits to the theatre) and if possible please order and pay in advance of the day and pays. Please e-mail me on: carolyn.rowley@btinternet.com with orders as soon as possible (last e-mail orders 4th Jan) as I intend to restrict numbers to 50, on a first come, first served basis. Also, if you need to cancel please do so by 4th January or expect to be asked for the money as last year we had some ‘no-shows’!

Caro